

Judith D. Singer, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Board for Education Sciences for a term expiring November 28, 2014.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—160) Pages S6378, S6383

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:48 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 12, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6393.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1641, to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement;

S. 1642, to implement the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement;

S. 1643, to implement the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement; and

The nominations of Michael W. Punke, of Montana, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the Rank of Ambassador, and Islam A. Siddiqui, of Virginia, to be Chief Agricultural Negotiator, Office of the United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, both of the Executive Office of the President, Paul Piquado, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and David S. Johanson, of Texas, to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT FORUMS IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine labor-management forums in the Federal government, after receiving testimony from John Berry, Director, Office of Personnel Management; W. Scott Gould, Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Pasquale M. Tamburrino, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Civilian Personnel Policy; William R. Dougan, National Federation of Federal Employees (NFFE), and Gregory J. Junemann, International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE), both of Washington, D.C.; Patricia Niehaus, Federal Managers Association (FMA), Alexandria, Virginia; and George Nesterchuk, Nesterchuk and Associates, Vienna, Virginia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 3145–3151; 2 private bills, H.R. 3152–3153; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 429, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Page H6782

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2433, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws relating to the employment and training of veterans, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–242, Pt. 1) and

Supplemental report on H. Res. 425, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2832) to extend the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3078) to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3079) to implement the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3080) to implement the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement (H. Rept. 112–240, Pt. 2).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Roby to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6677**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:21 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H6679**

Providing for a recess of the House for a joint meeting to receive His Excellency Lee Myung-bak, President of the Republic of Korea: Agreed by unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Thursday, October 13, 2011 for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting His Excellency Lee Myung-bak, President of the Republic of Korea. **Page H6680**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Veterans Sexual Assault Prevention and Health Care Enhancement Act: H.R. 2074, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require a comprehensive policy on reporting and tracking sexual assault incidents and other safety incidents that occur at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs; **Pages H6689–93**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 38, United States Code, to require a comprehensive policy on reporting and tracking sexual assault incidents and other safety incidents that occur at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to improve rehabilitative services for veterans with traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes.”. **Page H6693**

Amending title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to notify Congress of conferences sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs: H.R. 2302, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to notify Congress of conferences sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs; **Pages H6693–95**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to notify Congress of conferences sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.”. **Page H6695**

Veterans’ Benefits Training Improvement Act of 2011: H.R. 2349, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to annually assess the skills of certain employees and managers of the Veterans Benefits Administration; **Pages H6695–98**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the determination of annual income with respect to pensions for certain veterans, to direct the Secretary of

Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program to assess the skills of certain employees and managers of the Veterans Benefits Administration, and for other purposes.”. **Page H6698**

Amending the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide surviving spouses with certain protections relating to mortgages and mortgage foreclosures: H.R. 1263, amended, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide surviving spouses with certain protections relating to mortgages and mortgage foreclosures; and **Pages H6727–29**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to provide surviving spouses with certain protections relating to mortgages and mortgage foreclosures, and for other purposes.”. **Page H6729**

Amending title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law: H.R. 1025, to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize the service in the reserve components of certain persons by honoring them with status as veterans under law. **Pages H6729–30**

Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Veterans Opportunity to Work Act of 2011: H.R. 2433, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws relating to the employment and training of veterans. **Pages H6680–89**

EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011: The House resumed consideration of H.R. 2250, to provide additional time for the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue achievable standards for industrial, commercial, and institutional boilers, process heaters, and incinerators. Consideration of the measure began on October 6th. **Pages H6698–H6727**

Rejected:

Waxman amendment (No. 11 printed in the Congressional Record of October 4, 2011) that sought to add a new section relating to compliance with Cut-Go (by a recorded vote of 164 ayes to 254 noes, Roll No. 772); **Pages H6698–99, H6722**

Connolly amendment (No. 18 printed in the Congressional Record of October 4, 2011) that sought to add a new section relating to protection from respiratory and cardiovascular illness and death (by a recorded vote of 168 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 773); **Pages H6699–H6700, H6723**

Markey amendment (No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of October 4, 2011) that sought to

add a new section relating to protection from avoidable cases of cancer (by a recorded vote of 166 ayes to 252 noes, Roll No. 774); **Pages H6700–02, H6723–24**

Edwards amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of October 4, 2011) that sought to add a section that finds that according to the EPA's analysis of the impacts of the final rules specified in section 3(b)(1) and section 3(b)(2) on employment, based on peer-reviewed literature, such rules would create 2,200 net additional jobs (by a recorded vote of 157 ayes to 260 noes, Roll No. 775);

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Schakowsky amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of October 4, 2011) that sought to add a section that finds that mercury released into the ambient air from industrial boilers and waste incinerators addressed by the rules listed in section 2(b) of this Act is a potent neurotoxin (by a recorded vote of 169 ayes to 249 noes, Roll No. 776);

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Ellison amendment (No. 12 printed in the Congressional Record of October 4, 2011) that sought to set the date for compliance with standards and requirements under regulation as earlier than 5 years (by a recorded vote of 154 ayes to 261 noes, Roll No. 777);

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Welch amendment (No. 19 printed in the Congressional Record of October 4, 2011) that sought to add a section that finds that the American people are exposed to mercury from industrial sources addressed by the rules listed in section 2(b) of this Act through the consumption of fish containing mercury and every State in the Nation has issued at least one mercury advisory for fish consumption (by a recorded vote of 169 ayes to 249 noes, Roll No. 778); and

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Jackson Lee amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of October 4, 2011) that sought to strike in the Compliance Dates section “not earlier than 5 years after the effective date of the regulation” and insert “not later than 3 years after the regulation is promulgated as final” (by a recorded vote of 156 ayes to 262 noes, Roll No. 779).

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H. Res. 419, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2681) and (H.R. 2250) was agreed to on October 4th.

Supplemental Report: Agreed by unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules be permitted to file a supplemental report on H. Res. 425.

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United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act: The House began consideration of H.R. 3078, to implement the United

States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H6730–45**

H. Res. 425, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2832) and providing for the consideration of the bills (H.R. 3078), (H.R. 3079), and (H.R. 3080) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 281 yeas to 128 nays, Roll No. 771, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H6710–22**

United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act: The House began consideration of H.R. 3079, to implement the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H6745–58**

H. Res. 425, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2832) and providing for the consideration of the bills (H.R. 3078), (H.R. 3079), and (H.R. 3080) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 281 yeas to 128 nays, Roll No. 771, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H6710–22**

United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act: The House began consideration of H.R. 3080, to implement the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H6758–71**

H. Res. 425, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2832) and providing for the consideration of the bills (H.R. 3078), (H.R. 3079), and (H.R. 3080) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 281 yeas to 128 nays, Roll No. 771, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H6710–22**

Extending the Generalized System of Preferences: The House began consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2832, to extend the Generalized System of Preferences. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H6771–79**

H. Res. 425, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2832) and providing for the consideration of the bills (H.R. 3078), (H.R. 3079), and (H.R. 3080) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 281 yeas to 128 nays, Roll No. 771, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H6710–22**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H6679.

Senate Referrals: S. 1639 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H6780**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6721, H6722, H6723, H6723–24, H6724, H6724–25,

H6725–26, H6726, and H6726–27. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

Committee Meetings

GOVERNMENT LITIGATION SAVINGS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law, held a hearing on H.R. 1996, the “Government Litigation Savings Act.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ONGOING INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing on ongoing intelligence activities.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1052)

H.R. 2646, to authorize certain Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility projects and leases, to extend certain expiring provisions of law, and to modify certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Signed on October 5, 2011. (Public Law 112–37)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine the Federal role in disaster recovery and response, 2:30 p.m., SD–192.

Committee on the Budget: To hold hearings to examine improving the congressional budget process, 9:30 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: To hold hearings to examine universal service reform, focusing on bringing broadband to all Americans, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Business meeting to consider the nominations of Joyce A. Barr, of Washington, to be Assistant Secretary for Administration, Robert A. Mandell, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, Thomas Charles Krajeski, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Dan W. Mozena, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, Michael A. Hammer, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, Susan

Denise Page, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Sudan, Adrienne S. O’Neal, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cape Verde, Mary Beth Leonard, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mali, and Mark Francis Brzezinski, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Sweden, all of the Department of State, Anne Terman Wedner, of Illinois, to be a Member of the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, Katherine M. Gehl, of Wisconsin, and Terry Lewis, of Michigan, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, Russ Carnahan, of Missouri, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and Ann Marie Buerkle, of New York, to be a Representative of the United States of America to the Sixty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, and routine lists in the Foreign Service; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael Anthony McFaul, of California, to be Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Department of State, 2:15 p.m., S–116, Capitol.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: To hold hearings to examine the state of chronic disease prevention, 2:30 p.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: To hold hearings to examine ten years after 9/11, focusing on a status report on information sharing, 10:30 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Business meeting to consider the nomination of Winslow Lorenzo Sargeant, of Wisconsin, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Special Committee on Aging: To hold hearings to examine finding consensus in the Medicare reform debate, 2 p.m., SD–562.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing to review legislative proposals amending Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Future of National Defense and the U.S. Military Ten Years After 9/11: Perspectives of Former Chairmen of the Committee on Armed Services.” 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on National Guard and Reserve component acquisition and modernization, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3094, the “Workforce Democracy and Fairness Act.” 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade; and the Subcommittee on Health, joint hearing entitled “Food Marketing: Can ‘Voluntary’ Government Restrictions Improve Children’s Health?” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.